

Packing List



Clothing Essentials

Friday

- ☐ 1 outfit representing your campus
 - Show your school pride!  Think: campus branded T-shirt, crew-neck or other items that represent your university
 - Casual (jeans are okay!)

Saturday

- ☐ 1 business casual outfit*
 - Think: slacks, trousers, skirts, dresses, blouses, sweaters, or collared shirts
 - Comfortable and polished
- ☐ 1 semi-formal/cocktail outfit *for Saturday evening***
 - Think: cocktail dress, dressy jumpsuit, suit, dress pants with a dress shirt/blouse, shirt and tie, or other elevated evening attire

**More detailed guidelines below*

Sunday

- ☐ 1 outfit featuring the Conference T-Shirt—provided for you at conference
 - Conference T-Shirt color: Maroon Frost
 - Casual (jeans are okay!)



Shoes

- ☐ Business casual shoes
- ☐ Semi-formal/dress shoes
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes



Other Clothing Items

- ☐ Blazer, cardigan, and/or light jacket for layering
 - Conference hotel spaces can be cold!
- ☐ **Your Mortar Board pin**
 - Strongly encouraged throughout the conference, especially for the Candlelight Banquet
- ☐ Raincoat/umbrella if rain is in the forecast (we will be walking a few blocks to Pins on Friday evening)

Packing Tip: Choose pieces you can mix and match. You don't need a completely different outfit or different pair of shoes for every day!



Don't Forget the Essentials:

- ☐ Driver's license, ID, and/or travel documents
- ☐ Wallet, cards, and cash (*while your conference essentials are covered in your registration, anything off-site or additional will be your responsibility*)
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Toiletries (deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, glasses/contact lenses + supplies, hair and beauty products)
- ☐ Chargers (phone, laptop)
- ☐ Reusable water bottles (there are refill stations!)
- ☐ Headphones/earbuds
- ☐ Small crossbody bag or backpack
 - Helpful for off-site activities such as pre-conference sessions and the Friday dinner/social

Nice to Haves (Optional)

- ☐ Portable phone battery/power bank
- ☐ Notebook or journal
- ☐ Pens (*one will be provided*)
- ☐ Business cards for networking

Final Tip: Pack what you'll actually use, leave a little room for Mortar Board memories, and don't forget to wear comfortable shoes!

*Business Casual Guidelines:

- **Tops:** Collared shirts, button-downs, blouses, knit tops, sweaters
- **Bottoms:** Dress slacks, tailored trousers, knee-length or midi skirts
- **Layers:** Blazers, cardigans, or sport coats (ties optional)
- **Footwear:** loafers, ballet flats, Oxfords, and clean leather or canvas lifestyle shoes

Things to AVOID: Ripped or distressed jeans and casual T-shirts, worn-in athletic sneakers, flip-flops, large logos, or revealing/oversized casual clothes.

**Semi-formal/cocktail Guidelines

- **Dresses:** knee-length, tea-length, or midi dresses in fabrics like satin, chiffon, silk, or lace.
- **Alternatives:** dressy jumpsuit or chic two-piece set, well-fitted suit or a separate blazer paired with dress pants, shirt and tie, or other elevated evening attire.
- **Shoes:** Heels, wedges, block heels, dress flats, polished leather shoes, oxfords, clean loafers

Things to AVOID: Floor-length ball gowns or tuxedos, casual daytime wear, t-shirts, or denim, athletic sneakers, flip-flops, or overly casual sandals.

